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To: Pool Handlers – Pacific Northwest Federal Milk Marketing Order

Subject: Request for Comments on Continuing the Revision in Shipping Percentages for Manufacturing Plants Operated by a Cooperative Association

SUMMARY: Written comments are invited to continue the reduction of the percentage of producer milk that a cooperative association must ship to pool distributing plants in order to qualify its manufacturing plant(s) for pool status specified in section 1124.7(d), from 20 percent to 15 percent, effective July 1, 2023, until further notice.

These percentages were originally reduced to 15 percent from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, in response to a request from a Pacific Northwest handler. The original proposed action states that with Class I sales dropping, the handler has “struggled to meet this requirement without changing routes and moving milk around.” The Market Administrator received comments each year requesting a review of the marketing conditions annually to determine if the conditions that existed when the reduction was granted still exist before continuing the reduction. As a result, each subsequent year a request for comments was issued and a continued revision was granted through June 30 of 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Under Section 1124.7(g) of the Order, the applicable shipping percentages may be increased or decreased by the Market Administrator if it is determined that such adjustment is necessary to encourage needed shipments or to prevent uneconomic shipments. The Market Administrator therefore invites the submission of comments, data, or views on this request to continue the shipping percentages at 15 percent effective with the July 2023 delivery period.

DATES: Comments are to be received by the Market Administrator no later than June 23, 2023.

ADDRESS: Comments may be submitted by e-mail to fmaseattle@fmaseattle.com, or by fax to 425-487-2775. Comments may also be mailed to: Market Administrator, 1930-220th St. SE, Suite 102, Bothell, WA 98021.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.



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